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1. Aircraft and Personnel Changes at Welzow

a. [redacted] the Il-28's currently at Welzow (as of 18 October) had also been at Briesen Brand. [redacted] the Il-28's were reconnaissance aircraft.

b. [redacted] the base commander in Welzow had been relieved of his command because of "hooliganism" on the part of his Russian civilian staff and because of resultant low discipline and dirty conditions at the base. His replacement would allegedly be the former base commander at Welzow, a lieutenant colonel who would institute tighter discipline and tidy things up generally. All of the Russian civilian staff would allegedly be returned to the Soviet Union.

2. Departures and Arrivals

- a. There were three rail departures during the period, one each on 11, 12, and 14 October. The movement which departed at 0600 on 11 October was seen to include 45 cargo trucks and 10 - 15 three-axle tank trucks, each of which had an estimated capacity of 18,000 liters. Personnel involved in the departures was estimated at 2,000 SAF and engineer troops. All three movements departed in the direction of Neu Petershain.
- b. On 17 October a rail movement arrived with an estimated 200 SAF and AAA troops. On 20 October an estimated 1,200 SAF troops together with 40 Il-28's arrived.

3. Radio and Radar

- a. A Crossfork was located at VT 413 159 on 25 October.
- b. While flying was going on, the radio van at VT 415 161 showed a flashing red neon light, and a normal medium band radio receiver would pick up the signal dot-dash-dash-dash-dot-dot-dash.

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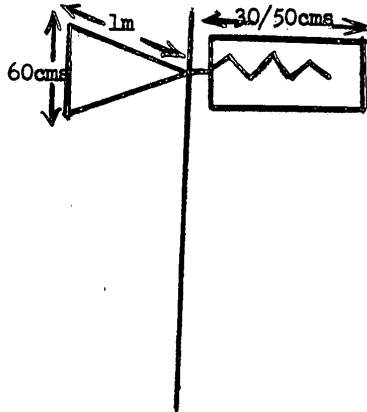
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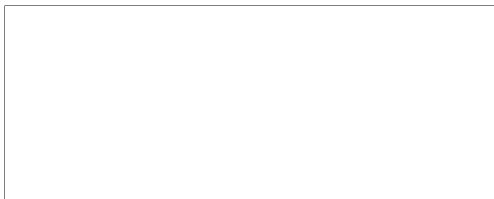
- c. Up to 8 October an array was in place on a 15 - 18 meter high mast about 50 meters east of the antenna complex at Geisendorf, viz:



Aircraft came in to land about 100 meters to one side of this array.

4. Insignia

Aircrew badges seen included: gold wings with a blue bomb in the center and a red "3" on the bomb; gold or silver wing with a center ornament resembling crossed keys.



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